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The reply filed on January 2, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have failed to respond to the rejections set forth within paragraphs 1, 2, 7, 11, and 17 of the Office action of July 1, 2003. With respect to the rejection set forth within paragraph 1, applicants have failed to address the fifth issue (with respect to the last structure of claim 19), sixth issue, and last issue. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bong fide. applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The rejection of claims 7-9 (currently claims 23-25) set forth within paragraph 7 of the Office action contains an error in that line 5 of the rejection should read, "advantages when ethanolic KOH and polar aprotic solvents are not used. The". The error is regretted.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to R. Sergent at telephone number (571) 272-1079.

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